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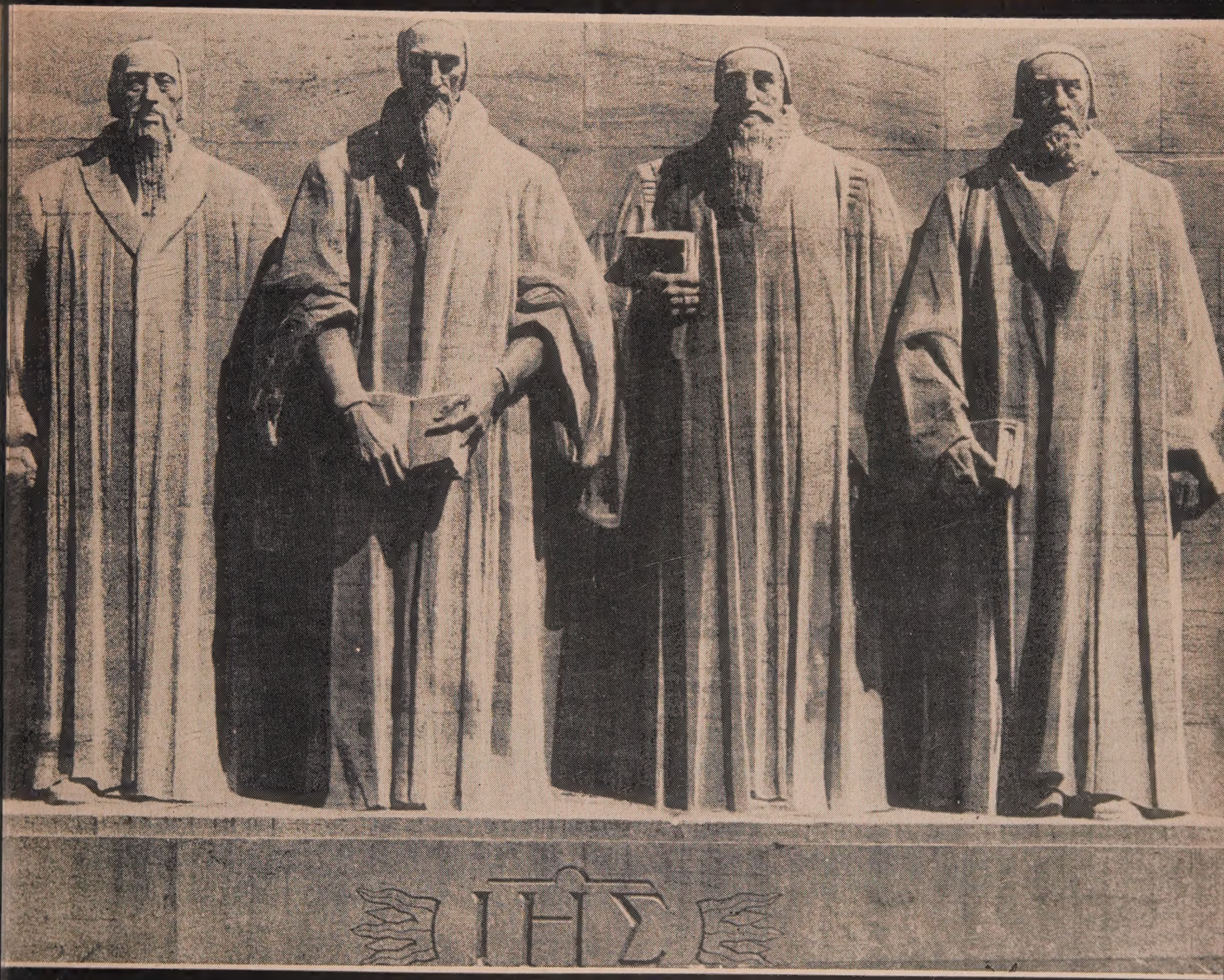

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OFFICIAL NAE ORGAN

Readers Say—

Evolutionary Teaching in Our National Parks

To the Editor:

Have you ever visited our National Parks and heard the Ranger naturalists explain the origin of their wonders. Last summer we spent two weeks in Yosemite Valley and twice heard the Rangers give a detailed account of how the different mountain ranges were formed—all without benefit of God. The evolutionary idea is basic to all the information offered. The chief thing that bothered me is the growing policy of all our National Parks to explain the origin of things. When did this become their business?

I was so stirred up about this matter that I wrote the USA Department of the Interior. I had a very fine letter from them promising to study conditions and write me later as to their future policy. I also wrote the superintendent of Yosemite National Park and had a very fine letter from him. He said he believed that people approved of such lectures, because out of 3,900,000 visitors in the past three years my letter was the first written complaint to be received.

I am not proposing that the biblical doctrine of creation be mentioned. As matters now stand an anti-biblical doctrine is being endorsed. This should be stopped.

Public policies are determined by public sentiment. If Christians would register complaints some consideration would be given. I think it is time for us to do some letter writing on issues that involve our society. I believe that if people would write and register their disapproval that some of our park policies could be changed. They belong to us, so why shouldn't we have a voice in the things that go on in the parks?

If you disapprove of our national parks giving human explanations as to the origin of the world it would be a real Christian service to write letters voicing your feelings. If you have been to Yosemite write the Superintendent. Write the other park superintendents where you have visited and heard similar explanations. Write also the Department of Interior. Get your church folks also to write. Let's try to do something about this by letting our voices be heard.

Write: (1) Hillory A. Tolson, Acting Director, United States Dept. of Interior, National Park Service, Washington, D. C. (2) John C. Preston, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, Yosemite, California.

W. L. JESSUP

San Jose, Calif.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO.—Four of the great reformation leaders are immortalized in this group of statues forming part of the Reformation Monument in Geneva, Switzerland. Left to right are: Guillaume Farel, John Calvin, Theodore Beza and John Knox. The monument tells the story of the first struggles of Protestantism. Calvin, Farel and Beza, all Frenchmen, were responsible for the establishment of the Reformation in Switzerland. John Knox, a Scot, preached in Geneva and translated the Bible into English during his stay there, 1556-1559. —*RNS Photo.*

British Praise

To the Editor:

I find much help through your excellent periodical. Its news columns provide a great deal of information which is of tremendous value to a Bible-believing pastor.

While my own position is with the ICCC, I surely rejoice in the stand for the Truth which the NAE is making. Though there are certain differences between the two groups as to how far the line of separation should be taken, we are absolutely one in our jealousy for the honour of the Lord Jesus Christ, the maintenance of the great evangelical Faith, and the full inspiration of the whole of the Word of God.

The growing apostasy as a sign of the times makes the stand and testimony of both NAE and ACCC more necessary than ever—and that of the WEF and the ICCC on the world level.

IVAN S. MILSTED

Leicester, England

Canada Calls

To the Editor:

I certainly enjoy your publication. It is spiritually encouraging to me to learn of the activities of people of like precious faith, still contending for the faith once for all delivered to the saints and the apostles.

The work you are doing will last for all eternity. Many souls yet unborn will be praising your efforts because of your faithfulness. All too few in these days are committed to the preservation and perpetuation of the true faith.

I hope and pray that the work of the NAE may be extended into Canada that the work of our evangelical groups may be united for action. Most of the churches in our area are apostate. Their chief interest is in "ecumenicity" through the World Council of Churches. They have a "form of godliness" but deny the Power, denying the infallibility of God's Holy Word and casting disparaging slurs on those who believe it.

HUGH FLEMING, JR.

Stewart Hill, Sussex, N. B.

African Appreciation

To the Editor:

We certainly appreciate *Action* magazine. It is just what we need out here on the mission field to keep us up to date on evangelical happenings at home.

We were thrilled to be delegates with others from our mission to a conference in Freetown last December when our own Dr. Clyde W. Taylor spoke and counselled with us. Truly the influence of NAE is reaching round the world.

EMMETT D. COX

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NAE STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. **We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.**
2. **We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**
3. **We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.**
4. **We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.**
5. **We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.**
6. **We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.**
7. **We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Korean Evangelicals initiate nation-shaking project

SOUTH KOREA IS ON ITS KNEES FOR REVIVAL

ROBERT F. RICE

Presbyterian Missionary to Korea

IN KOREA, "The Land of the Morning Calm," the Gospel seed has fallen and continues to fall on ground deeply furrowed by the plough of hardship and tribulation, bearing fruit unto eternal life. In His own time and seasons, God has also poured out of His Spirit upon Korean Christians in revival power. Such a time and season seems to be in the very making right now and the Korean evangelicals are having a large part in it.

In August some 700 Koreans gathered on Sam Kak mountain for what in many respects was the greatest prayer meeting in the recent history of the republic. Many believe that the influences reaching out from that event may stir Korea for Christ in a way it has not been stirred for seventy years.

How did this wonderful movement begin?

Early in July about forty evangelical pastors met to pray for Korea and to seek the leading of the Spirit in the revival and unification of the churches. In a most significant way these men felt that God had begun a great work in them.

Later in July at a second meeting, also attended only by Koreans, there were well-known leaders of the Korean churches: pastors, evangelists, chaplains, seminary professors, two former Korean missionaries to Manchuria and China, besides some teachers and elders—all meeting together in the wind-swept, rugged Sam Kak Mountain prayer retreat near Seoul.

A young evangelist of the Christian Revival Fellowship in Taegu writes of this second meeting:

"In the large meeting hall of Emmanuel Prayer House deep in the valley of Sam Kak Mountain, three miles away from Seoul . . . most of the hours are set aside to spend in prayer; in solitude and in groups. . . The Problems of Prayer are: 1. The nation's salvation and peace. 2. The church's revival and unification. 3. Spiritual power for the workers of God.

". . . the fourth day we began fasting and watched the whole night. Main speaker that evening was Rev. Lee Sung Bong (Holiness), the greatest true evangelical revivalist we have in Korea. He spoke for four hours. Through his soul-searching message all of us were literally broken down completely. Standing up to pray one after another we began confessing the secret sins of unfaithfulness, lack of love and other things. . . Rev. Kim Yoon Soo's (Presbyterian) testimony was concerned with healing from Christ and about hope for eternity. Rev. Song Se Guen's (Methodist) testimony was very impressive also. He is a famous revivalist who once prayed and fasted forty days in the mountains. . .

"All our prominent revivalists stood up one by one, crying, confessing their lack of love toward God, Jesus Christ and the church.

At this second meeting the forty Presbyterians, nineteen Holiness and fourteen Methodist ministers who comprised the gathering, banded themselves together to form a "Save-the-Nation" Prayer Committee and made plans for an even larger, third revival prayer meeting in August. Dividing themselves, they visited seventeen of the largest cities holding a week of meetings in each city, preparatory meetings looking towards a third meeting in August. Concerning the purposes of the August meeting, Dr. Kim Chi Syun, a professor in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul, wrote. "Our only purpose is to assemble true spiritual leaders on Sam Kak Mountain. And the grace of God will be received in order to spread the gospel to poor souls of Korea. I myself propose to fast and pray for four days to help bring this to pass."

At first it was thought to have the August and other meetings under the leadership of the Christian Revival Fellowship of Taegu, but as the movement took on a broader and more nation-wide aspect the Korean Evangelical Fellowship (NAE) was better able to carry and expand the movement "for such a time as this."

At this third meeting, August 20-25, along with the Korean pastors, two visitors from the USA were used of God, Rev. Sam Todd and Rev. Raymond Richey. A letter from Rev. Kim Hee Bo, principal of a Christian High School in Seoul, tells us part of the story of this phenomenal religious development in this youthful nation;

TOP: Evangelical leaders at Sam Kak Mountain. Rev. Sam Todd and Rev. Raymond Richey in center; extreme left in same row, Rev. Kwon Yun Ho, past moderator of the Korean Presbyterian General Assembly and a "pillar" of the Korean church. CENTER: Prayer time in one of the tents. BOTTOM: House of Prayer at Sam Kak Mountain with some of the 700 praying Koreans.

EVANGELICALS UNITED FOR ACTION

Apropos NAE Week, October 21-28

GEORGE L. FORD
Executive Director, National Association of Evangelicals

WHEN the National Association of Evangelicals was organized in 1942 religious radio broadcasting was almost entirely controlled by those who cared little for the true evangelical message. Dr. William Ward Ayer, recognizing problems from the various viewpoints, stated at the St. Louis organizing convention, "We should have in America a strong organization of evangelical broadcasters which will provide a 'front' to deal with the government and properly present the fundamental broadcaster's case in times of emergency. This organization will furnish also a clearing house for gospel broadcasts and eliminate racketeers who are injuring all of us." Such an organization came into being, first as a commission of the NAE and then as an affiliate known as the National Religious Broadcasters. With the NAE it successfully fought and won the battle for the freedom of the gospel by air.

But in 1956 we face a similar problem. The Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches early this year issued a statement decrying the sale of time for religious broadcasting and suggesting that in the allocation of free time special consideration should be given to the national and local councils of churches. Again, the NAE and the NRB are on the job and are successfully fighting for the freedom of the gospel by radio and television. Since eternal vigilance is the price of liberty it is safe to assume that in the days ahead the battle must go on and the NAE must continue to serve.

Even a partial review of the past accomplishments of the NAE will reveal its uniquely essential place in the evangelical cause. First of all, it did what no other inter-church organization has ever accomplished. It brought together conservative orthodox Christians of varying theological beliefs in a positive cooperative effort based upon a Bible-centered Statement of Faith. It also established a fellowship of Bible-believing Christians which has resulted in understanding and cooperation for the benefit of the total Christian cause. This distinct contribution to inter-church cooperation stands as a monument to evangelical ecumenicity in spite of efforts of some to label the NAE as divisive.

The commissions and affiliates of NAE have rendered services in every area of evangelical interest. In Radio and Television, the freedom of the gospel has been maintained; through the Women's Fellowship, a Bible-based women's work has been encouraged; through the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, innumerable advantages in passport and visa clearances, purchasing, etc. have resulted; through the International Relations Commission, evangelicals in other lands have been encouraged and the World Evan-

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SOUTH KOREA IS ON ITS KNEES . . . Continued

"The Sam Kak Mountain meetings ended last Saturday. How thankful we are. All our prayers were answered. There was abundant grace. . . Around 300 pastors wept with tears of repentance. At this meeting the various pastors came to fully know the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and with great joy.

"Before this meeting Mr. Todd preached to a group of Marines on duty in the vicinity of the 38th parallel. The General commanding this regiment was so thankful that he had all the Marines gather together. The fruit of this meeting was that about 400 Korean Marines made decisions for Jesus Christ.

"At the close of our prayer meeting a pastor from the First Presbyterian Church of Kwangju, Rev. Jung Kee Ho, proposed that (1) a petition be presented President Rhee asking him to call the entire nation to a season of repentance; and (2) that the pastors gathered on Sam Kak Mountain go up to the 38th parallel for fasting and prayer in behalf of the salvation of the whole nation. (Note: About 500 pastors were martyred by the Communists during the recent Korean "conflict.") Although this motion was not officially passed, the younger pastors are now thinking of gathering together and going up to the 38th parallel for fasting and prayer.

"Among those who gathered at this meeting were twenty-four evangelists. Together they will work in the future under the evangelistic committee of the NAE (Evangelical Fellowship of Korea). Their purpose is to foster revival movements. This gospel team's goal is:

"1. Every Christian to lead his neighbor to Christ.

"2. Every Christian to lead a godly life of faith; our outward walk.

"3. Each believer to experience oneness in Christ; our inward life."

The Managing Director of the Christian Revival Fellowship, Rev. Kim Day Up, gives us exact figures on the third August meeting:

"The Sam Kak Mountain meeting amid the working of the Holy Spirit ended in perfect harmony. Works which the Korean Church has not seen for seventy years were manifested. There were 264 pastors, 70 evangelists, and 19 Bible women: and besides this total of 353, church members and others brought the total to about 500 normally. As many as 700 were present when the audience was largest.

"Because all who gathered fervently requested similar meetings for the local Christian communities in areas all over South Korea, plans were made to carry revival everywhere. Seoul, Kunsan and other regions requested meetings. Already there are more calls than we can answer."

The Moderator of the Korean Evangelical Fellowship (NAE), Rev. Lee Dai Young, Presbyterian missionary in China for 33 years and now pastoring a great church in Seoul (which has started six new pioneer churches and is planning at the same time to send out its own foreign missionaries), has rightly said that the major work of the Fellowship began last summer.

Who knows but that the Korean Evangelical Fellowship has been formed in Korea in order to effectually back a movement of God that began last July on a Prayer Mountain only a few miles from the nation's capital city. What is now called the "Save-the-Nation Prayer Movement" has already reached seventeen of South Korea's largest cities with a revival call to seek God for *new life* for the Christian, the Church, and the Nation.

Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

Unfinished Business

▪ ON REFORMATION SUNDAY millions of Protestants around the world will recall again those principles and personalities which brought new life and blessing to the Christian world at the beginning of the sixteenth century.

The specific date October 31, 1517 which determines our annual observance marked the nailing of the "Ninety-five Theses" by Martin Luther to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. But the movement of which it was an incident is dateless and is as universal as Christian faith and liberty.

The Reformation was basically a revival of the evangelical Christian religion which resulted from a restudy of the New Testament. The men whom God called to lead the movement revolted against the unscriptural worldliness, formalism, heterodoxy and ecclesiastical tyranny of Romanism and struck out like Abraham from Ur of the Chaldees seeking the Promised Land.

The distinguishing characteristics of the Reformation were a return to the Bible as the sole authority for the Christian in religious teaching and practice; the acceptance of the grace of God and the faith of man as basically essential to salvation; the rejection of the Romish concept of the sacraments and all works of satisfaction; and the restoration of the priesthood of all believers with its consequent emphasis upon individual religious liberty.

The Reformation was also an attempt to reestablish primitive, New Testament Christianity. The bold and courageous attempts to free the Church from the baneful ecclesiastical, theological and governmental excess baggage of Romanism achieved much, but the goal yet remains to be attained.

In a very real sense the Reformation is "unfinished business" and calls for the devoted service of all its spiritual successors in our day.

We regret to say that many of those who will be foremost in the public observances of Reformation Sunday in America this year are farthest from exemplifying its spirit and its principles. They "build the tombs of the prophets and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous" and say "if they had lived in those days they would have been partakers with the faithful" but lo, they are the spiritual "children of those who killed and imprisoned the prophets."

The evangelical movement of our day and the National Association of Evangelicals in particular have "come to the kingdom for such a time as this." May the remembrance of the bold stand of Martin Luther against heterodoxy, formalism, worldliness and super-church-ism on October 31, 1517 serve to give us new courage in the twentieth-century reformation of which we are a part.

Our New Look

▪ READER RESPONSE to our new format is wonderful. From East, West, North and South the chorus of praise is most encouraging.

Among other things they say: "The modern layouts make the pages more attractive." "It is a magazine I am proud to put in the hands of my friends." "I like the new feature, 'Here's the Answer.' Your answers September 15 cleared up a number of points for me." "Your news pages are brighter and more interesting. Your coverage has no equal in evangelical journals."

The betterment of the magazine in a very large measure depends upon the cooperation and support of our readers. We need to increase the subscription list. Why not make it available to your church members through the "club plan" or the "bundle plan"? The "club plan" makes it possible for you, your church or organization to send the magazine for one year to ten or more people at their individual addresses for $2.50 each. The "bundle plan" cuts the price to $1.50 per year provided all copies go to one address. You can pay in quarterly installments if you wish. Why not send it to all your key men and women? Put it in your public library. See that all ministers in the community get it.

This week is the deadline for subscribing at the old rates. You can renew at $2 instead of $3 for one year if your letter reaches Wheaton before October 27. The same offer holds for new subscriptions. Be a partner in the task of making ACTION magazine a worthy medium of evangelical advance.

The Spirit of Christ

▪ EVANGELICALS have strong convictions concerning truth and right. They have treasured up the Word of God in their minds and hearts and are committed to it in letter and spirit. They are ready to back up their convictions with zealous and sacrificial endeavor and, if need be, to suffer for that which they most surely believe.

Sometimes, however, in our zeal we are tempted to be intolerant of others or to use fleshly means of bringing our objectives to pass. We fail to show the spirit of Christ.

We need to remember that in the name of Jesus Christ some of the most heinous crimes in history have been committed. The Roman Catholic hierarchy, in its endeavor to secure uniformity of belief and universal submission to its authority, has slain thousands of so-called heretics in cold blood and terrorized other thousands by the horrors of Jesuitical inquisitions. John Calvin, during the period of his temporal power in Geneva; Martin Luther, in his league with the German princes; Henry the Eighth, in his role as defender of the faith, and many other Protestant leaders occasionally stooped to the use of force to obtain religious conformity. Even in our day in lands where religious liberty is a constitutional right, some rabid sectarians insist that they, and they only, are right and use every power at their command to destroy those who differ from them.

Christ had no sympathy with the intolerant of His day. He instructed His followers to teach the truth in love and forbear with one another in love. He never forced the truth on any one. He had the power to call all the hosts of heaven to His aid, had He desired to impose His will upon men. He chose rather to win voluntary support for His cause. He chose to go to the cross rather than descend to worldly methods of extending His kingdom.

In all our work as evangelicals let us know the truth. Let us have convictions. Let us be zealous. Let us fear no man. But let us have the spirit of love and meekness that men may know we have "been with Jesus and learned of Him."

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People-to-People

President Eisenhower and other top government officials have launched a people-to-people program which is intended as a means of promoting and extending international friendship at the grass roots level.

Included among those invited by the President to attend a preliminary White House conference on the people-to-people program were three religious personages: Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, President of the National Council of Churches, Msgr. Howard J. Carroll, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, President of the Synagogue Council of America.

At this meeting President Eisenhower said that the purpose of the program is "to help build the road to an enduring peace." It was based, the President stated, on the true assumption that no people want war, all people want peace. The objective of the program will be to work out not one method but thousands of methods by which people can gradually learn a bit more of each other.

More than forty committees were set up representing various fields of American life, including education, advertising, labor, publishing, broadcasting and other fields.

Washington officials working on the program pointed out that it would be up to these committees to develop their own programs. The direction which the religious phase of the people-to-people program will take has not yet been clarified, but it has been made clear that constructive ideas in the development of people-to-people contacts will be welcomed.

The next meeting to consider the religious phase of the program is to be held in Washington on January 9th. Each of the three co-chairmen have appointed five additional representatives from their own faith groups.

At the January 9 meeting the committee is to be extended to include various groups not yet represented by the committee. The National Association of Evangelicals will be among these additional groups according to reliable sources.

The Protestant organizations to be represented at the January meeting are: The National Council of Churches, the Methodist Church, United Church Women, the National Lutheran Council and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Also to be discussed at the January 9 meeting are the methods to be used in developing people-to-people contacts in the religious field.

Diplomatic Note

Some religious sources in Washington have it that the Department of State recently sent the Colombian government a strongly-worded diplomatic note, asking that Colombia take active measures to stop the persecution of Protestants. The note reportedly mentioned violence against Protestant missions and focused attention on the closing of more than forty churches in the "mission territories," where Catholic missions have had government-sanctioned monopoly.

The State Department had been giving careful study to reports of violence and oppression against Protestant missions in Colombia. Many of these reports had been furnished by the National Association of Evangelicals and had been corroborated through Department channels.

It is presumed that the State Department note made reference to verbal promises recently made by Colombia's President Rojas Pinilla to Secretary of State Dulles, that steps would be taken to preclude the possibility of further incidents of anti-Protestant violence.

In representing this matter to Colombian officials the State Department evidently invoked provisions of the treaty of friendship and commerce between the U. S. and Colombia. The wording of this treaty provides that Americans in Colombia shall enjoy "security of conscience without being annoyed, prevented or disturbed on account of their religious belief. It also provides that they shall not be annoyed, molested, or disturbed in the proper exercise of their religion in private houses, or in the chapels or places of worship appointed for that purpose, with the decorum due to divine worship, and with due respect to the laws, usages, and customs of the country."

The note was dispatched at about the same time that announcement came from Colombia that several members of the cabinet had resigned. Among the resignations was that of Evaristo Sourdis, minister of foreign affairs, who reportedly had been in favor of steps to lessen the religious tensions. Observers in Washington did not, however, feel that the shuffling of the Colombian cabinet would have any marked effect on the religious situation.

If these reports are correct, U. S. disapproval of the closing of Protestant churches in the mission territories was emphasized to Colombian officials, and official request was made that they be allowed to reopen. It was also urged that the other mission territory problems, involving the educational and medical work of the Protestant missionaries, be solved.

Meanwhile, news was received that two bombs had been placed under the evangelical school at Buenavista, Caldas. One of the bombs failed to go off, however, and the other caused only minor damages.

Mexican Politics

Missionary observers have been eyeing very carefully recent political developments in Mexico. The party in power has been making new overtures to the Catholic church and to the Catholic-controlled opposition party.

The Revolutionary Institutional party, completely secular, has traditionally held to the policy of religious liberty for all religious groups and has maintained a policy of indifference to the Roman Catholic Church. Recently, however, the president of the party, General Augustin Olchea, has been appealing to "all Mexicans regardless of creed" and has been conferring with the Catholic archbishop primate of Mexico, Miguel Dario Miranda. It has also been noted that for the first time in several decades government officials, as such, are attending Roman Catholic functions.

National Action, the Roman Catholic party, is strongly clerical and does not espouse the same policies of religious liberty.

Missionary observers have not been bothered so much by the possibility of the alignment of political forces, as by the possibility that concessions in matters of religious liberty could be made in order to bring about this alignment.

Meanwhile the Roman Catholic church has made a new move in the area of Mexican press relations, by granting special diplomas to prospective newspaper reporters. This has been widely viewed as a Catholic move to regain favor of the press in Mexico.

Perhaps the most ominous development is the report of new anti-Protestant oppression. One evangelical, Benjamin Crispin, who lives in the state of Puebla, was recently arrested and made to pay a heavy fine for holding evangelical meetings in his home. He was charged with disturbing the peace.

In Domingo Arenas, evangelicals were refused permission to build a chapel, on the grounds that the area already had "two temples of the Roman Catholic Apostolic faith."

In the city of Huistan, where Wycliff has been doing linguistic work, about a dozen Huixteco Indians have been intimidated so that they fear to establish further contacts with the missionaries or fellow believers. They were taken publicly to the town hall, where they were charged with causing division in their country by accepting the "devil's religion."

After a public beating, while police stood by, they were taken to the Roman Catholic church, and were forced to pray before the statues of the saints. Finally their lives and their homes were threatened and they were warned not to continue in their evangelical belief.

Evangelical Newsfront

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Evangelicals all over America are being enlisted in an effort to offer the sightless in every community a program of instruction and fellowship. Blind folk are inclined to be lonely. Their great need is Christ. Their great want is fellowship. Christian fellowship, like the above at New York City's First Reformed Episcopal Church in Manhattan, give them both.

Twenty million blind to be reached for Christ

■ A "Christ for the Blind Week," Nov. 18-25, has been announced by the Gospel Association for the Blind. The aim will be to focus attention on the needs of the world's estimated 20,000,000 sightless persons.

In preparation for the observance Dr. Robert Walker of Chicago, editor of *Christian Life* magazine, is heading up a committee of editors formed to promote the drive. United Evangelical Action Magazine is cooperating.

Noting that the world's blind have been called "the darkest of all missionary fields," Dr. Walker says the two greatest obstacles in reaching them have been their diffusion—"necessitating in most cases an individual approach"—and their inability to avail themselves of the printed page. In view of these facts our best hope of reaching the blind for Christ is through the individual Christian by alerting him to see responsibility to "the blind man around the corner. We hope he will contact the blind man with a view to winning him for Christ and put him in touch with an agency geared to meet his spiritual needs through Braille Gospel literature, 'talking book' records of the Bible, and similar aids."

The Gospel Association is just such an agency. It publishes the Gospel Messenger Braille Monthly, the Braille Sunday School Quarterly, the Braille Bible Study Course, the Braille Pilot (described as the world's only evangelical Christian magazine for blind children) and, through its "sister organization," Gospel Recordings Inc., is geared to supply free of charge Gospel records in more than 1,000 languages.

Serving with Chairman Walker on the editors' committee are A. W. Tozer of *Alliance Weekly;* Martin Erikson of *The Baptist Standard;* T. Otto Nall of *The Christian Advocate;* Larry Ward of *Christianity Today;* James L. Hunter of *The Evangelical Christian;* and Joseph Bayly of *His Magazine.*

Also Lloyd Hamill of *King's Business* magazine; Robert Cunningham of *Pentecostal Evangel;* William Thompson of *The Presbyterian Survey;* James DeForest Murch of *United Evangelical Action;* Mel Larson of *Youth for Christ* magazine; Irving Harris of *The Evangel;* and S. M. Shoemaker of *Faith at Work.*

Rev. Ralph Montanus, founder of the Gospel Association for the Blind, and "Bea" his wife. They constitute one of the most popular teams on religious radio. GAFB is their life work.

The Gospel Association for the Blind was founded by Dr. Ralph J. Montanus of College Point, L. I., N. Y., a Church of God clergyman, in 1947—seven years after he himself became blind. He and his wife conduct a regular hour-and-a-half Sunday evening radio program called "That They Might See."

Reds step-up campaign against German churches

■ Atheistic-Marxist effort to thoroughly communize and sovietize East Germany now takes the form of a "Fight Superstition Movement," directed against the Evangelical Church.

No pastors are permitted to enter the zone from West Germany. It is almost impossible to move a pastor from one parish to another within the East zone. Church revenue, cut 30% in 1953, was cut an additional 4% at the end of 1955. Another cut is expected this year. The only solicitation for contributions allowed is the collection during services. Money can be sent from the West zone only at the official exchange rate, which reduces each mark's value by 30%.

East zone pastors now get far less than do workers—an average $31 a month—with new cuts in the offing. Religious education is still permitted, but hours for it are set so that children have to give up their free time and pay extra in transportation. Church attendance is systematically harassed by well-synchronized rallies, workers' meetings, free concerts. Communist notaries tour the factories to collect workers' formal affidavits that they have left the church.

Pastors' children are barred from university study, and higher education is virtually impossible for children who have not participated in the new ritual of Youth Dedication, the state's secularist substitute for Confirmation. So far this year 1,600 teachers loyal to

FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Director's Desk

The recent meeting of the World Evangelical Fellowship at Providence, Rhode Island, was an outstanding manifestation of spiritual unity. With great diversity of language, culture, and theological persuasion, there was a spirit of fellowship and cooperation that could not be achieved through organizational maneuvering.

There was no talk at Providence of seeking unity but there was emphasis on the need of maintaining the unity we have in Christ. Those who are born into the family of God through faith in the blood of Christ are made one in Him and they recognize unity not as an organizational accomplishment but as a spiritual reality.

It is this spiritual unity that has enabled the NAE to bring together Bible-believing Christians of various theological background in a way that no other organization has been able to do. It has been done not by watering down the historical Protestant beliefs but by emphasizing a Bible-based Statement of Faith that is descriptive of all true evangelicals. Denominations, churches, organizations and individuals that would rightly fear any other type of inter-church cooperation have found in the NAE a unity without union, a oneness without sameness and a cooperation without compromise or regimentation.

GEORGE L. FORD

Executive Director, National Association of Evangelicals

the church have fled East Germany to avoid putting pressure on their pupils to attend Youth Dedications. Thirty-four Evangelical Church workers are currently in jail, and 110 of the church's 121 railroad missions in East Germany were ordered closed this year.

EVANGELISM

Leaders Told Purposes Of Graham Campaign

NEW YORK—Evangelist Billy Graham told some 1,200 New York civic leaders that his eight-week crusade here next spring is not aimed at "cleaning up" the metropolitan area but sparking a religious revival.

"New York's problems are far too complex for any simple solution," he said. "But we do hope that we can reach some people and spark a spiritual revival that can grow to lead it in the direction it needs to go."

Graham spoke at a dinner sponsored by the 150-member General Crusade Committee for New York. Its purpose was to introduce him to the people who influence the city's commercial, cultural and spiritual life and give him an opportunity to outline the campaign's hopes and aims. Among the guests were John D. Rockefeller II and William Randolph Hearst, Jr.

"As the 'home' of the United Nations and a great center of culture, art, and news, New York is the most strategic city in the world," the evangelist said. "What it does affects the whole world, and if its influence is not spiritual it will be secular.

"A spiritually oriented New York can guide the world in the way it must go if we are not to blow ourselves to bits."

Despite its eminent position, Mr. Graham said, New York has been left "virtually untouched" by the current religious awakening.

"Only two or three per cent of its people go to church regularly," he said, "and 58 per cent are not identified with any church—Catholic, Protestant or Jewish. Small wonder that everywhere abroad it is regarded as completely materialistic.

"But everywhere in the world today —in India, Africa, even in Communist China—Christians are praying for New York. I believe that in the coming months more people will pray for it than for any single thing in history."

George Champion, vice-president of the Chase Manhattan Bank and chairman of the general committee, presided at the dinner. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Richard Allen Hildebrand of Bethel A. M. E. church, and the closing prayer by Dr. Phillips Packer Elliott of Brooklyn's First Presbyterian church.

Among others who spoke briefly were four persons who were converted at Billy Graham crusades in various parts of the world.

Patricia Campion of London, Eng., now a Bible student in this country, told how as a leader of the British Young Communist League she had become a Christian after hearing the evangelist during his 1954 campaign in the English capital.

The others were the Rev. J. Arthur "Jim" Vaus, onetime aide to West Coast gamblers, now an ordained minister and full-time evangelist; Mayor Boyd Morris of Greensboro, N. C.; and Mary Beth McDonald, TV star, model and operator of a successful school for models.

Bibles for TWA Planes Are Provided by ABS

NEW YORK—Bibles are now being placed on all of the new Super-G Constellation airplanes of Trans-World Airlines. Captain G. C. Duvall, a pilot for TWA on the Chicago-Los Angeles run, recently was presented with a Bible to place on the Super-G plane he would be flying. It was Captain Duvall who suggested several years ago that in addition to a full supply of current magazines on each plane there should be a Bible. Since then TWA has carried Bibles furnished by the American Bible Society, on all TWA flights in the United States. Captain Duvall discussed his plan with the late Ralph S. Damon, president of TWA, who thought the idea was a good one.

Preachers Differ About USA Religious Revival

CLEVELAND—(RNS)—Whether a genuine religious revival is taking place in the United States was discussed by three popular preachers in addresses to some 3,000 laymen attending the first National Convention of Christian Men here.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of New York, author of *The Power of Positive Thinking*, said the United States is the most religious country in the world. "A spiritual approach to life is in our bloodstream, our traditions, our background," he said. "One of the reasons for this is that the religion preached in this country is Christ-centered, not the formalized kind practiced in many parts of Europe."

Evangelist Billy Graham, taking a more reserved position, said that although America is headed for a great spiritual revival it will not amount to much unless new church members are "fully committed Christians." Rising church membership figures recently announced, he said, may be due to "the period of uncertainty in which we live."

Dr. Alan Walker, noted Australian Methodist evangelist, said he believed there was as yet no religious revival in America, but "there is a widespread quickening of interest in religion."

MISSIONS

New Restrictions on Christian Missions

BEIRUT, Lebanon — (RNS) — The Egyptian government has taken new steps to restrict the activities of Christian missions and congregations in the country, reports here said.

It banned all meetings of worship, prayer or revivals unless they are held in government-licensed churches. And it ordered that all Sunday sermons in Protestant churches must be approved before they are delivered.

The ban on religious meetings outside churches, the reports said, affects many congregations which had assembled in homes, rented apartments or outdoors. It also affects several evangelists who went from town to town in Upper Egypt, which has a large Christian population, to hold prayer meetings in the courtyards of Coptic churches or in other open spaces.

Because of the ban, the Church of God mission in Cairo has discontinued its operations, the reports said. The mission held worship services in English, Arabic and Armenian at a rented downtown apartment. The American missionaries were told not to meet until they obtained a license to build a church.

Meanwhile, pastors of thirty-seven Protestant groups of various languages and nationalities were said to be affected by the ruling on sermons. Under

the order, they must present the topic of each sermon, and the time and place of its delivery, to the Ministry of Social Affairs for approval several days in advance of Sunday.

A recent issue of *Action* magazine told how all Protestant mission schools which will not allow Moslem instruction in the Koran must be closed.

Dallas Church Gives $354,600 for Missions

DALLAS, Tex.—The 10,000-member First Baptist church here adopted a 1957 budget of $705,000 at its annual meeting and allocated more than half of this amount—$354,600—to mission work.

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, said the latter includes expenditures for home, state and foreign missions as well as for various special offerings and contributions to Baylor Hospital, the American Bible Society and the Southern Baptist Convention's Relief and Annuity Board.

The congregation is one of the largest affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

ELO Selects Nebraska For Fifth Conference

CHICAGO—(E/P)—The fifth annual conference of Evangelical Literature Overseas will be held at the Back to the Bible Broadcast, Lincoln, Nebraska, December 10-13. The conference will take the form of a workshop and ample time will be given to discussion. The whole field of missionary literature will be considered from the standpoint of writing, translation, publishing, production and distribution.

Among the speakers at the conference will be Theodore Epp, director of the Back to the Bible Broadcast; Edwin E. Jacques, foreign secretary of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society; R. Kenneth Strachan, general director of the Latin America Mission; Robert Walker, editor of *Christian Life* magazine.

Education

To Dedicate WJBU Ironside Library

DAYTON, Tenn.—Featuring the unveiling of a portrait of Dr. H. A. Ironside and a memorial bronze plaque, the new Ironside Memorial library at William Jennings Bryan university will be dedicated Oct. 25, during the fall Bible conference.

Mrs. H. A. Ironside, who donated her late husband's portrait, was a recent visitor on the campus and will be present for the special ceremonies. She resides in Thomaston, Ga. Rev. John S. Ironside, his son, will be traveling to Bryan from Manhattan, Kan. Rev. A. H. Stewart, who was said to be Dr. Ironside's closest friend, will be coming. Other friends and members of his family also plan to attend. Dr. Ironside was a trustee of WJBU for twenty years.

Speakers for the twenty-sixth annual fall Bible conference, to be held Oct. 21-28, will be Dr. George McNeely, pastor and prophetic teacher, Newark, N. J.; Rev. David E. Hoy, youth worker, Evansville, Ind.; and Rev. Ian Hay, missionary, Nigeria, West Africa.

Archaeologists Excavate Ancient City of Gibeon

PHILADELPHIA—(RNS) — Seven American archaeologists headed by a divinity school professor found the site of the Old Testament city of Gibeon this summer and excavated its water system and parts of its fortifications.

The discovery was announced here by the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, which sponsored a 12-week expedition with the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (Episcopal), Berkeley, Calif. Dr. James B. Pritchard of the school faculty led the expedition.

The "royal city" was uncovered at el-Jib, an Arab village of about 900 inhabitants eight miles north of Jerusalem. University officials said identification was made positive by inscriptions found on three storage-jar handles. There the owner had scratched his address, Gibeon, in ancient Hebrew script. "This is the first time in 66 years of Palestinian archaeology that this kind of definite identification has appeared," the university declared.

Gibeon is mentioned 43 times in the Bible. The Book of Joshua, Chapter 9, tells how its men came to Joshua encamped at Gilgal and arranged an alliance with Israel. They represented themselves as inhabitants of a distant country. When the deception was discovered, the Hebrew leader condemned them to be "hewers of wood and drawers of water to all the congregation."

The city also was the scene of a battle between Joshua's Israelites, who aided it, and the forces of five Amorite kings who besieged it. According to the Bible narrative, it was during this battle that the sun stood still for a day and stones rained from the sky on the retreating Amorites.

Inter-church

Ecumenical Church At Silver Bay, Minn.

SILVER BAY, Minn.—A second "Ecumenical Church" (*Action*, Oct. 1) is being sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches in Silver Bay.

When the planners laid out this new taconite community a few years ago, they analyzed the population potential and decided to allocate sites for only three churches—Roman Catholic, Lutheran and other Protestant.

The Minnesota Council of Churches sent a chaplain, Rev. Cecil C. Hankins, to the community in 1953. Eventually, persons attending council-sponsored services were asked to pick the denomination they wished to develop a church for them, but no one church had enough members to qualify under the rules imposed. Finally it was agreed to form an interdenominational church. All denominations are now prohibited from establishing another Protestant church in Silver Bay.

After months of planning and hard work during which it met in the school gymnasium, the congregation moved into its partially completed church last July 22. It is a handsome structure of brick and redwood which has an entire side of windows looking out over a wooded area and a creek. The theme of ecumenicity starts at the entrance

- EVANGELICAL RADIO-TV strategy for 1957 will be mapped in a special convention called by the National Religious Broadcasters, Inc., for the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., January 29-31. The outstanding broadcasting leaders of church, industry and government will appear on the program.
- CHRISTMAS BUNDLES for 28,000 children in needy lands around the world are being shipped abroad by the Mennonite Central Committee. Largest shipments go to Korea, Jordan and Austria.
- DISCIPLES OF CHRIST International Convention, meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, voted to change its name to "International Convention of Christian Churches." Most of its local churches are now designated "Christian" rather than "Disciples."
- FIRST WOMAN to be ordained into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church USA was set apart to that calling in First Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, N. Y., October 24.
- DR. MARTYN LLOYD-JONES, of London, England was elected president of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students at the fourth triennial conference at Glen Orchard, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Harold John Ockenga and Dr. Frank E. Gabelein were named to the USA Council of Reference.
- CARIBBEAN CHALLENGE, new popular Christian monthly for the English-speaking peoples of the West Indies, will make its first appearance in January, 1957. Print order: 30,000 copies. It will be published in Jamaica.
- CRIME INCREASED 14.4 per cent throughout the USA in the first half of 1956, the sharpest rise since World War II, reports the FBI. It is estimated that 2,500,000 crimes will be committed in the USA this year.
- NATIONAL WCTU leadership for the coming year will remain in the hands of Mrs. Glenn G. Hayes. This will be her fourth term. She headed the Kansas WCTU before taking the national office.
- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS will open a nine-story center on Times Square, New York City, November 10. The building purchased was a former hotel. Its ballroom will be converted into a 900-seat auditorium where religious films will be shown and worship services will be held.
- AFRICA INLAND MISSION has named Rev. Sidney Langford as general secretary of the American Home Council succeeding Dr. Ralph T. Davis. Dr. Davis becomes International general secretary.

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The Lutheran Hour, the world's most wide-spread radio broadcast, now uses the facilities of both the Mutual Broadcasting System and the National Broadcasting Company plus hundreds of independent stations in the United States.

Overseas, The Lutheran Hour is broadcast in sixty-three countries and in fifty-four languages. Branch office managers in more than twenty countries handle local aspects of the Gospel broadcast.

On the opening day of the new season (September 30) a gigantic rally in the Hollywood Bowl, Hollywood, California, featured an address by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, New York City, director of public relations for The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and speaker on The Lutheran Hour since September, 1955.

Two choruses were featured at the rally in the 20,000-seat Bowl. George Zehnder, head of the music department of Lutheran High School in Los Angeles, directed a 1,000-voice adult chorus. Eugene Wunderlick, principal of First Lutheran School in Burbank, California, directed a 400-voice children's chorus.

The Lutheran Hour was organized in 1930 by members of the Lutheran Laymen's League, an organization that now numbers more than 90,000 in the United States and Canada.

First speaker on the broadcast, and regular speaker until his death in 1950, was Dr. Walter A. Maier.

Huge Radio Station to Beam Gospel to Orient

LOS ANGELES.—The Far Eastern Broadcasting Company have recently purchased from the United States Government an entire Voice of America radio installation consisting of two electronic transmitters, one a 50,000 watt RCA band switching transmitter and the other a 100,000 watt GE, twice as powerful as any commercial station licensed to operate in the United States. These two transmitters, together with the entire antenna array and associated equipment, have been secured for $30,500. They are now being dismantled and crated for shipment to Manila.

The initial cost is only part of the tremendous expenditure necessary to placing these transmitters on the air. The United States Government has used these transmitters to beam official programs as far as seven thousand miles away. The Far East Broadcasting Company will move them within six hundred miles of the coast of China and use them exclusively for proclaiming the Gospel.

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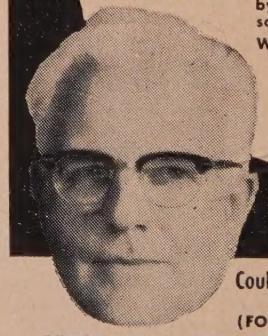

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Texas Baptists Speak Out Against Violence

DALLAS, Tex.—As a result of recent demonstrations at Mansfield and other Texas cities over public school integration, the Christian life commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas has spoken out against racial violence.

A resolution adopted by the twelve-member commission urged that Christians of all faiths join Texas Baptists in a five-point pledge:

1. To behave with charity and good will toward all persons in a time of racial crisis.
2. Not to engage in, nor to encourage, any action involving or implying violence.
3. Not to join with any group in actions which a person would not carry out openly as an individual.
4. To encourage moderation and patience at all times by word and action.
5. To show friendship and consideration for persons of all races with whom a person is associated.

Director of the Texas commission is Foy Valentine, of Dallas.

Protestant Mother Wins In Child Rearing Issue

DES MOINES, Ia.—(RNS)—The Iowa Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, ruled that a Protestant mother could not be required to carry out a divorce stipulation that she rear her son as a Roman Catholic.

It dismissed a contempt citation issued by a district court against a Clarion, Ia., school teacher, Mrs. Gladys Lynch, after her former husband brought suit against her for taking their eight-year-old son to Congregational church services.

Mrs. Lynch won a divorce from Francis L. Lynch in 1953. The decree awarded her custody of the couple's son but provided that the child "shall be reared in the Roman Catholic church."

Justice G. K. Thompson, who wrote the majority opinion, said that in citing Mrs. Lynch for contempt the lower court was "actively enforcing" a provision which violated her constitutional rights to the free exercise of religion. The majority also held that the divorce stipulation was "too vague to be enforceable."

Majority of Pharmacists Oppose Drug Store Liquor

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A majority of the nation's pharmacists—65%—oppose the sale of packaged liquor in retail drug stores, according to a recent nationwide spotcheck conducted by *Drug Topics* magazine.

"The sale of packaged liquor in a drug store is not in keeping with the standing of a pharmacy as a public health institution," said the majority of the pharmacists. The pharmacists felt they shared "the opinion held by representative leaders of the profession."

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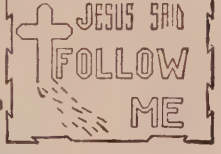

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Southern Baptists Make Missionary Appointments

RICHMOND, Va. — (RNS) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board by the end of the year will have appointed more missionaries than during any other twelve-month period in its history.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen said that some 125 missionaries are expected to be named before the year is over. Several new missionaries will be appointed at the board's October 9-10 meeting here, he said, when an increased 1957 budget will be presented.

"We will be in a position to recommend an advance in our budget because of the growing support for world missions being given by Southern Baptists," Dr. Cauthen declared.

He said the urgency of world missions will be presented in every state, district and associational meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention next year.

sunday school

Mennonites Hold Great Sunday School Meeting

GOSHEN, Ind.—Sunday school workers from many parts of the United States and Canada gathered here for the fifth Mennonite Sunday School Convention on the campus of Goshen College sponsored by the (Old) Mennonite churches.

An estimated 900 or more workers came from a distance, and attendance at public programs in the College Union auditorium ranged from 1,500 to

The general programs featured outstanding messages by educational leaders on the theme, "Strengthening the Church Through the Sunday School." In the opening address on "Strength Through Knowing and Using the Bible," Bishop A. J. Metzler of Scottdale, Pa. keynoted the convention by emphasizing that spiritual strength comes through the unique power of the Word of God as it works in men's hearts.

Daytime meetings of the convention were devoted to more than thirty sectional workshops. Each delegate was invited to attend three workshops and was presented with a syllabus of materials used in each. Also of wide interest were the extensive displays of Sunday school materials.

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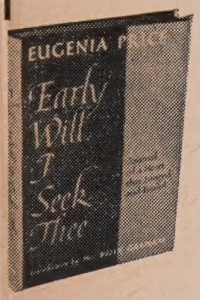

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Reports Big Increase In USA Drunkenness

ATLANTA, Ga.—(RNS)—Arrests for drunkenness and drunken driving have increased to nearly half the arrests made by police in the United States, an official of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union said here.

Mrs. Fred J. Tooze of Portland, Ore., national recording secretary, said currently published uniform crime reports show that 47 per cent of arrests in 1,477 cities last year were for one of the two charges.

She spoke at a meeting preceding the union's 82nd annual convention.

"Our problem of public drunkenness has become a national one, unequaled in frequency by any other public offense," Mrs. Tooze said.

"Of the 1,861,764 arrests in twenty-five listed charges (not including routine traffic tickets), in these cities, 772,943 were for drunkenness (41.6 per cent) and 96,165 or 5.2 per cent were for driving while intoxicated."

The WCTU official said arrests for drunkenness have "about doubled" since 1934, the first year of repeal, and that drunken driving arrests have more than quadrupled.

"Most startling development," Mrs. Tooze said, "is that a greater and growing number of boys and girls under fifteen are being picked up and booked, both for driving motor cars while drunk and for drunkenness on the street."

She said there were 2,838 teenagers of sixteen or less arrested for drunkenness last year and 554 under fifteen. And 164 youths under 16 were arrested for drunken driving, she added.

Mrs. Tooze also said 59,000 women were arrested for drunkenness and 3,987 for drunken driving.

"Greatest factor in today's alcohol problem," she said, "is alcoholic beverage advertising on radio and television."

Personalia

William F. Kerr, pastor of Hinson Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., heads the new Judson Baptist College which begins operation in facilities provided by the church. JBC will be connected with the Conservative Baptist Association of America.

Walter R. Martin, specialist in religious cults, is the new director and editor in chief of Zondervan Publishing's Division of Cult Apologetics. A complete line of books dealing with America's cults is being produced.

C. W. Dunbar has been reelected president of the Kansas State Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Wayne E. Caldwell continues as president of Wesleyan Youth for the area.

Leslie B. Knee has been called to the post of promotional secretary of the Wisconsin Conservative Baptist Churches. He was ordained at the recent annual convention at Waupaca.

Douglas G. Scott, executive director of the NAE Commission on Chaplains, was recently presented with a citation for services rendered the USA Air Force Personnel in the Far East and Europe.

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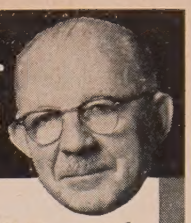

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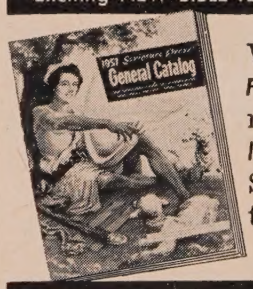

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Herbert A. Hayes, former missionary to Latakia, Syria, served this year as the Moderator of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. He is the new pastor of the Geneva (Pa.) RP Church.

David Hedegard, of Motala, Sweden, noted New Testament scholar and author of forty books, has accepted the post of professor of New Testament at Faith Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

Evangelicals United

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gelical Fellowship fostered; through World Relief, food and clothing have gone to needy parts of the world, always with a gospel message; in the area of Evangelical Action, persecution and injustices at home and abroad are successfully protested; in Evangelism, the outreach of the gospel is encouraged without interference with the task of the churches; through the Education Commission, accrediting, textbooks needs, classroom techniques, etc. have been aided; through the National Sunday School Association, a new day has come in the Sunday School movement of America. Other valuable services have been rendered in Church Extension, Home Missions, Social Action, Evangelical Youth, Army and Navy Chaplains, Publications, Christian Day Schools, etc.

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Measurable progress has been made in church extension, so often controlled by councils of churches without due regard for the evangelical position. Persecution of evangelicals in Colombia and other Catholic-dominated countries demands continual attention. Surveys of the social interests of evangelical churches are in process, as well as the home mission field, to determine the need, the work now being done and the possibility of reaching the unreached. Through every commission and affiliate, the headquarters office, the office of public affairs in Washington, D.C. and seven regional offices, NAE serves today with the one purpose of

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As long as commissions of the National Council of Churches attempt to control religious broadcasting and the location of churches, the NAE must continue to speak out against this intolerance of liberalism.

As long as there is spiritual dearth in America, evangelicals must continue to pray together for real revival. Realizing this, NAE has recently organized the Commission on Spiritual Life, headed by Rev. Armin R. Gesswein, so well-known for his work in prayer revival conferences. These are only a few examples of the continuing needs that can only be met through the services of the NAE, but they do point out the unfinished task and show that evangelicals must rely upon the NAE under the direction of God for the liberty to carry on their work.

The continuance of this service is dependent upon the spiritual and financial support of the evangelicals of America. In order that they may be aware of the needs that are being met by NAE, and the needs of NAE, the week of October 21-28 has been set aside as NAE Week. Churches are encouraged to observe NAE Sunday either the 21st or the 28th or some more convenient date. Descriptive folders, bulletin covers or inserts and a pastor's handbook of NAE information can be obtained without charge by any church agreeing to observe NAE Sunday and to receive an offering for the work or place NAE in the budget by writing to the headquarters office, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois, or to one of the regional offices listed in the NAE Service Directory.

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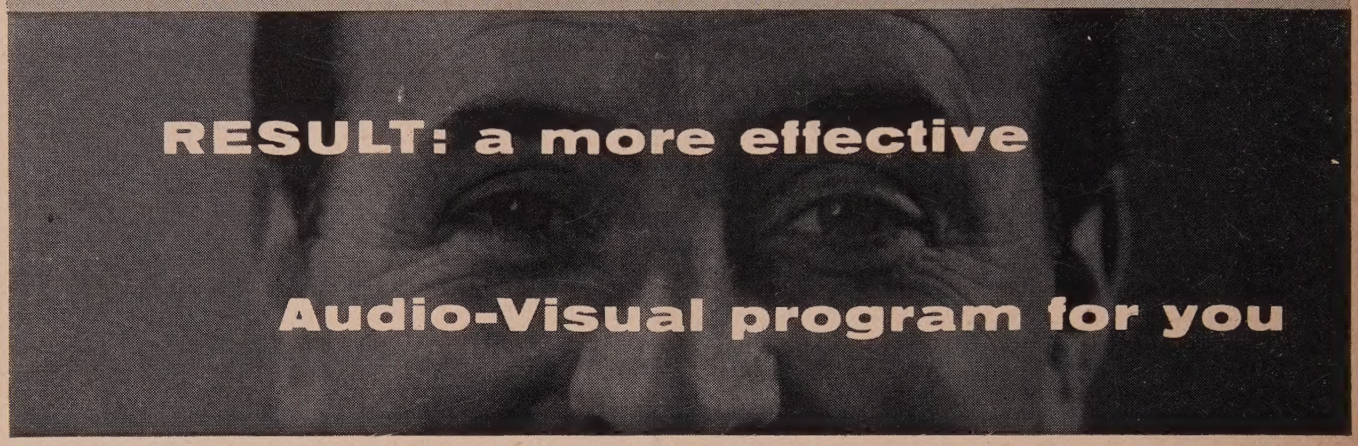

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